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Transmitted herewith are the following documents for filing in the subject patent  
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Please provide the undersigned with a statement as to the status of the subject patent application for which an Information Disclosure Statement was filed on April 9, 2004, the filing fee was paid on May 27, 2004 and a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was filed on September 19, 2005.

A response would be appreciated as soon as possible.

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